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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the City of Chehalis Recreation Park Phase Three Parking Addition, in Fiscal Year 2023. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Chehalis, located at 1321 S Market Blvd. Chehalis, WA 98532

The City of Chehalis desires to construct a much needed 55-stall parking lot to accommodate parking deficiencies in their new multi-use recreational facility. This is phase three of a 6.5-million-dollar park project that is currently attracting participants from the Lewis County area and all throughout the state of Washington. The city anticipates over 60,000 youth and adult recreators will be using these facilities, and this increasing popularity has created a demand for additional parking.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars because funding would address a major safety concern for families attending events. Due to a lack of parking, people are choosing to park in unsafe locations surrounding the park that do not have proper surfacing, sidewalks, or designated crossings. Another concern is children running across and darting into traffic of a busy roadway that sits parallel to the park. The addition of the parking lot will improve the safety of thousands of park visitors each year. The neighboring businesses and homes that surround the park would also benefit from the added parking, as park visitors regularly park in their business parking lots and private parking spaces.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Jaime Herrera Bentler

Jaime Herrera Beutler Member of Congress